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Dear Mr. Hartman:

Please reference Programmatic Individual Environmental Report 36 (PIER #36) addressing compensatory mitigation for improvements made to the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity project. Attached is the Final Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act Report on the Supplemental Individual Environmental Report # 1 titled "Bayou Sauvage, Turtle Bayou and New Zydeco Ridge Restoration Projects, St. Tammany and Orleans Parishes, Louisiana" (PIER 36, SIER 1). That SIER is being prepared under the approval of the Council on Environmental Quality and that will partially fulfill the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (83 Stat. 852, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 4321- 4347). Work proposed under this SIER would mitigate impacts resulting from the improved hurricane protection measures of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity hurricane protection project and would be conducted under the authority of Public Law 109-234, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Hurricane Recovery, 2006 (Supplemental 4).

This report constitutes a Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act 2(b) report from the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service). Should your staff have any questions regarding this report, please have them contact David Walther (337/291-3122) of this office.

Sincerely,

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